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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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Revenue Department

G.O.Ms.No.708

Dated 30th March, 1948.

Read the following:-

Government Memorandum No.4176 C/46-1, Revenue, dated
30th September, 1946.

From the Board of Revenue, B.P.Ms.No.416, dated
2nd April, 1947.

O R D E R:

The Government are inclined to hold the view that the provisions in B.S.O.No.113 which require the village headman to render all reasonable assistance to Government officers on tour in the matter of procurement of provisions lead, in practice, to petty oppression. Before taking a final decision on the question of cancelling the Supply Officers, the Government desire that its operation should be suspended for a year and the result watched. The Board of Revenue is accordingly requested to issue the necessary orders suspending the operation of the standing orders for one year and to submit a report on the effect of the suspension, at the end of the year.

2. The question of granting Travelling allowance to village officers for their journeys to the taluk office and back is still under consideration.

(By Order of His Excellency the Governor)

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To the Board of Revenue, Madras.
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REVENUE DEPARTMENT

1. Release of Village Officers from the obligation to procure supplies to Government Officers touring their village.

Extract of remarks of H.M.(Revenue)

1. During the Budget debate on the Revenue demand on the objections raised by Members regarding the obligation of village Officers to make supplies to officers, I promised to enquire into the matter. Whatever the position might have been 50 or 100 years ago when the country was not developed and there was a need to supply Government Officers with supplies by these people, I feel the time has now come to put a stop to this practice. It is well known that in many cases these people are not paid adequately for the supplies they make and in many instances they themselves prey upon the villages for making these supplies. Except therefore in some special areas like mountainous tracts where there may be no villages or shops in most parts of the Presidency in almost every village there are shops and provisions available.

Please therefore ask the Board of Revenue to advise on the matter as to why this supply business should not be stopped altogether. It is being gravely abused. In case an exception is to be made, the areas may be specified.

K.R.K.
14-9-46.

Revenue Department.

TO AS.III.

The file relates to the question whether B.S.O.113, under which village headman should render all reasonable assistance to Government officers on tour in the matter of procuring provisions and other necessities, should be modified or cancelled. The Ex-H.M.(Revenue) Sri K.R. Karah was of the opinion that, excepting special areas like mountainous tracts, where there would be no villages or shops, there was no need to retain the B.S.O. The Board of Revenue was consulted. The Board stated that articles, like milk, eggs, chicken, meat mutton and ghee, could not be carried by the officers on their tours, and that it would be better to centralise purchases of such articles through the village headman, instead of entrusting the work to the servant of the officers who would impose themselves on the vendors. The Board also considered that it would be difficult to sort out the areas in which all things were available in shops and areas in which they were not available. The Board, therefore, recommended the retention of the B.S.O., with the modification that officers on tour should carry with them as much supplies as they could, that wherever possible, they should buy themselves, or through their servants without the risk of the latter misbehaving and that they should give the village headman an advance, unless the latter's status was such, that he would resent the payment. This Department agreed with the Board of Revenue. H.M.(L.R.)

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considers that B.S.O.113 is resulting in petty oppression and that the officers can nowadays make their own arrangements for provisions when they are on tour. He however agrees as also H.M.(Fin) that the operation of B.S.O.113 may be suspended for a year and the results watched.

The proposal affects officers of all departments. Public have suggested circulation of the case to H.Pr. also.

Please see the views of H.M.(LR) and H.M.(Fin) at page 4 ante.

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H.Pr agree with H.M.(L.R)

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To A.S.III

Please see the orders at page 6 ante. Draft order submitted for approval. Public may see before issue. After issue, a Call Book entry will be made 15-4-1949.

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Public (Elections) Department.

(Previous notes of this Department are on pp.4-5 ante)

Revenue Department's notes on pages 5-6 ante, H.Pr's minutes at the end of page 6 ante and the draft may be perused and the file returned to Revenue.

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